

Complaints received against the M.S.K Mills, Ltd., Gulbarga

*Q.—117. Sri GANGADHAR NAMOSHI (Gulbarga).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any complaints (i) mismanagement, or (ii) violation of the provisions of the enactments like the Provident Funds Act, etc., by the M.S.K. Mills Ltd., Gulbarga;

(b) whether they have investigated into the complaints and if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether the present financial position of the Mills is good and if not, whether they propose to give any help or loan to the said Mills?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(a) Yes.

(b) (i) All complaints received under the Industrial Disputes Act have been admitted into conciliation and disposed of by referring the same for adjudication.

(ii) Provident Fund Commissioner has already launched prosecution against the management for contravention of the provisions under Section 14 of the Act and para 76 of the Scheme, and the cases are pending. Further, Revenue recovery proceedings under Section 8 of the Act are also in progress.

(c) No information is available, since it is a Joint Stock Company in which the State Government do not own any shares. Government are considering the question of acquiring a controlling interest in the factory in order to safeguard the interests of labour and clear the outstanding amounts due to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and to recoup the amounts so advanced from the profits of the company.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಮೋಷಿ.—ಪ್ರಾವೀಡೆಂಟ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಂತಿದೆ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—From November 1959 to January 1962.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಮೋಷಿ.—ಪ್ರಾವೀಡೆಂಟ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಕಾಂಟ್ರಿಬ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲದ ರಿಂದ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪ್ರಾವೀಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಮೊತ್ತ

ಕೊಡುವ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಿಜವೇ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—To give or not to give permission does not arise. If the Officer in charge wants to prosecute, the Government has no objection.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಈ ಮಿಲನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—About three thousand.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಯ ದಿವಿದ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—They are working.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—I would like to know whether the Government is aware that the workers there have not received wages for the past four months.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have got information that they have not been paid wages for 2 months.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—With reference to answer (c), may I know stage at which the matter is pending regarding the control over this Mill by Government?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It is under the active consideration of the Government.

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—Proposals have been finalised and arrangements have been made to enable the management to draw the money.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—I would like to know the condition under which loan is given.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Loan is given with a view to have control over the management of the Mills.

Fixing of Minimum Wages in Silk Industry.

*Q.—53. Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have issued a draft notification under the Minimum Wages Act, fixing the minimum wages in the Silk Industry some time during the second quarter of 1960;

(b) if so, the details of the rates so proposed to be fixed may be given ;

(c) the reasons why the draft notification was not given effect to ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Sericulture Department and the Factories thereunder did not send any objections to the draft notification ;

(e) whether they intend taking action to fix minimum wages under the Act in the Silk Industry ?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Details of rates are given in the statement given below.

(c) The question of finalising the Minimum Wage Rates in this Industry was deferred pending collection of further information.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes ; the question is under examination.

STATEMENT.

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I. Highly skilled.	Rs.
1. Manager.	} 4 per day
2. Foreman.	

II. Skilled.

1. Weaver	} 2-50 nP. per day
2. Warper	
3. Winder	
4. Doubler	
5. Twister	
6. Drawer	
7. Dyer	

III. Semi-skilled.

1. Silk cleaner	} 2 per day
2. Silk Waste cleaner	
3. Finisher	
4. Folder	
5. Cocoon Sorter	
6. Ironer	
7. Knoter	

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IV. Un-skilled.

1. Reeler	} 1-75nP. per day.
2. Cooker	
3. Hankmaker	
4. Packer	
5. Wrapper	
6. Skeiner	
7. Mazdoor	
8. Peons, Watchmen, Office Boy, Sweepers,	

V. Office Staff

Clerk, Typist, Steno- grapher, Cashier, Store-keeper.	75 per mensem.
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Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—May I know whether it is true that the Mysore State Advisory Committee under the Minimum Wages Act has not approved of the rates ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The point is that the notified rates are there and the Advisory Committee has approved. But the other Departments like the Commerce Department and some other private people have agreed to the notified rates.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—May I know whether the Sericulture Department did or did not submit their objections ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—They have submitted their objections. But there are two important points in these objections. Private industries in the Sericulture quote certain rates which they think are proper. The Sericulture Department coming under the public sector, feel that the notified rates are somewhat high and both the private and the public sector want that these rates should be reduced.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—At least now, will the matter be settled at the earliest stage ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The Government will consider and see that these matters are settled very soon.